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The Servants

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[Announcement]

Well,

me and other scanlation teams have decided not to support online viewer sites like Onemanga and Mangafox anymore because there are too many irritation going on...

A: They have to much advertising on their pages.
Scanlation teams work for free. We don't want to finance other pages.
Online Viewers are not fan projects like they proclaim themselves. They are one-man corporations who use our free stuff to earn money through advertising.

From *zeff (Mangafox Forum / Announcements / Changed Policy Toward Scanlation Groups)*

Facts
1. Yes, we are owned by a company which operates not only mangafox, but a larger scale of different pages (i.e. ZOMGAnime, Otaku Zone, AnimeEden, etc. - Those are the sites I know). They don't buy other sites, they build them up by themself.

B. They resize scanlations and destroy the quality of original scanlations.
Mainly Mangafox and Onemanga resize the images which belittles the quality and work that scanlation teams put into. That is a great disappointment for groups who spend hours on their work to grant the best they can do. If you want to read scanlations in original form at an online viewer page then choose Mangahut not those who resize images to horrible excuses of LQ crap.

C: Online Viewer pages are putting scanlation works on their pages without asking scanlation groups and most times right after the release.
There are many scanlation groups who still allow online viewer pages to use their scanlation but with the obligation to wait at least 2-3 dayswith it. Why?
Because scanlation teams want feedback from their readers.We are working for free, all we recommend is that you give us feedback about our work, the story and how you like the manga we chose to work on. If Online Viewer pages upload the manga right after the release then readers will just be consumers and scanlation groups will be only errand boys for Online Viewers.

This is not the Raison d'être I will keep working on scanlations.
And that's why we and other groups will not allow that our work will be uploaded on Online Viewer pages anymore. I rather have a small group of readers that I can exchange with than a big ammount of consumers who only follow my work on photo albums.

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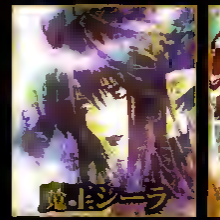

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並外れた力を持つ魔物で、いつしか魔王と呼ばれる存在になる。魔王であることは勇者や仲間たちには秘密。

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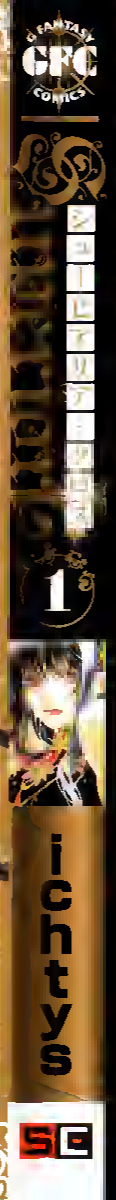

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AND I'M A MONSTER.
I'M SHEYLA.
I'M WITH THE HERO, ON A TRIP.

Story.1 - Prologue

シュピアリア・クロス
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SHEYLA, YOU'RE A BIT HEAVY. YOU DON'T MIND GETTING OFF?
ZZZ ~~~~
FAKING SLEEPINESS, ARE WE? I KNOW YOU ARE YOU SAID ONLY 5 MINUTES. WELL, IT'S BEEN 5 MINUTES ALREADY.
DON'T WANNYAA. I'M TIRED. YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO RECOVER IN JUST 5 MINUTES.
5 MINUTES
BLOCK-HEAAAD !!
THIS IS THE HERO, EKA. HE LOOKS NICE ENOUGH, BUT HE CAN BE STRAIGHT-LACED AND STUBBORN TO A FAULT.
AH
HEY, SHEYLA!! DON'T TAKE OUT YOUR FRUST RATIONS ON THE LAND-SCAPE!!
SAY, SHEYLA-CHAN.
FORGET ABOUT THIS UNCOUTH INDIVIDUAL'S BACK.

YOU CAN HAVE MINE, IF YOU WANT TO.
THIS IS LAKSHRI NOT HALF-WAY BAD, BUT HE'S ALSO AN INCORRIGIBLE WOMANIZER.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YOU DID WEIGH A TON
THAT AGAIN? DON'T YOU EVER STOP...?
I'LL BLOW YOU OFF INTO OBLIVION!!
AARGH!
AS IT TURNS OUT SHE'S AMONG THE SCARIEST ONES OUT THERE
SHE "IS" THE EXACT SAME THING, THOUGH.
THAT'S ANGELICA TINY AND CUTE-LOOKING.

SNORT ~
BONK
THIS IS LOSCH. SHE'S BEEN TRAVELING WITH US FOR SOME REASON, BUT HONESTLY, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON THROUGH HER HEAD.
...
SLINT
ON TOP OF IT, I FEEL LIKE SHE'S OBSERVING ME OR SOMETHING. SHE'S NOT ALL THAT GOOD AT IT.
CHIK
IT'S NOTHING. MY BAD...
THE FIVE OF US ARE ALL ON A TRIP TO DEFEAT THE DEMON LORD.

A FEMALE VOICE?!
OVER THERE!! SHE'S BEING ATTACKED BY A MONSTER !!
AAAAAAAAAH!
WE NEED TO GO SAVE HER..!!
WHAT?! DID YOU SAY "WOMAN" ?!
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!?
YIHHOO
!!

ANGELICA! LOSCH!! YOU DO YOUR THING!!!
AIR CUTTER!

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AH YES I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU THE REASON WHY A MONSTER LIKE ME IS TRAVELING WITH THIS BUNCH
あああん

THEY NEVER KILL MONSTERS AT ALL. FOR ANY REASON
ONCE THEY DEFEAT THE MAOU, UNDER WHOM MONSTERS ARE RALLIED...
STARTLE
DON'T WORRY YOU'RE SO SMALL HE WON'T BE COMING AFTER YOU ANY-MORE
...THEY WANT TO CREATE A WORLD WHERE MONSTERS AND HUMANS CAN LIVE IN HARMONY.
THE DEMON LORD IS THE HERO'S ONLY ENEMY.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, LITTLE MISS? NOW THAT I'M HERE, YOU NEED NOT WORRY.
GIVE IT ANOTHER 10 YEARS AND YOU'LL GROW INTO A REAL BEAUTY. COME SEE ME WHEN THAT HAPPENS.
HEY THERE LAKSHRI
POP

MONSTER?!
DUH? SO HE ATTACKED YOU DESPITE THE TWO OF YOU BEING OF THE SAME KIND?
LAKSHRI
YIKES ?!
HAVE YOU JUST... STEPPED ON ME?
REVENGE FOR BEING UNABLE TO CARRY SHEYLA ON MY BACK.
EH?! MUST HAVE BEEN YOUR IMAGI-NATION
DANG IT...
びくっ

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID. WE HAVE NO INTENTION TO HARM YOU, EVEN IF YOU'RE A MONSTER.
BUT YOU DID LOOK QUITE SCARY EARLIER.
HEAL...
GRIN
GRIN
IT'S HEALED.
A REAL BUNCH OF PATSIES..

THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME.
ERM... THIS IS ALL I HAVE, BUT TAKE IT WITH MY THANKS...
BERRIES...?
AH... I KNEW THESE WOULDN'T BE QUITE ENOUGH...
THANK YOU. WE CAN EAT THEM LATER.

ヒュン

ハラッ

DIDN'T YOU EVER LEARN NOT TO PUT SOMETHING YOU GOT FROM A STRANGER TO YOUR MOUTH...?
HHE HHE HHE... LOOKS LIKE EVERYBODY'S SLEEPING.
HERO-SAMA WHAT A SIMPLETON YOU MAKE...
AAAH... I WANNA MURDER YOU SO BADLY I CAN'T HELP MYSELF.
THE MOMENT OF THE KILL IS THE SWEETEST OF ALL... NOW, HOW SHOULD I PROCEED?

SHALL I BITE YOUR HEAD OFF..?
NO, THAT'D BE BORING.
I WANNA SEE YOU SUFFER MORE.
YES. I KNOW.
I'LL HURT YOU ENOUGH SO THAT YOU CAN'T MOVE THEN, WHEN YOU COME TO YOUR SENSES...
AS YOU SEE THEM DIE, YOU CAN HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT FEAR TASTES LIKE.
...I'LL KILL YOUR COMPANIONS ONE AFTER ANOTHER...
YOU WILL BE THE LAST ONE TO GO. KEH KEH KEH...

A SIMPLETON..? INDEED, THE HERO'S NOT EXACTLY BRIGHT.
メキメキ
UGH?!!
BUT I DON'T WANNA HEAR THAT FROM YOU.
YOU BLOODY SIMPLETON...

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キン
ガルルルル
YOUR CRONIE FROM EARLIER? ...THAT WAS EASY TO FIGURE OUT.
?!!
ムラ
バタン
キン
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!

AHAHAHA
BRAINLESS AS THEY COME
I FED HIM THOSE ■ERRIES OF YOURS, AND HE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE.
!?
WHY, YOU!!
I'M GONNA SWALLOW YOU WHOLE!
I CAN'T GET AWAY ..?

AAAGH!
SHE DOESN'T SEEM WEAK AT ALL
BUT MAYBE I CAN GET AWAY ?
WHAT A JOKE I'M BEING KICKED AROUND BY MY PREY!
BEATS ME
I KNEW ABOUT THE BERRIES' SLEEP-INDUCING EFFECT, BUT I DIDN'T TELL THE HERO
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS..?
CERTAINLY YOU DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO BE UNDONE THAT EASILY?
SEE, THE HERO WON'T KILL ANYONE, HUMAN OR MONSTER
HE'S ALWAYS LIKE DON'T KILL THIS, DON'T KILL THAT
A REAL BUMMER.

AAAAAAARGH!
!?
I WANNA STAY AROUND HIM, SO I LISTEN, BUT I'VE BEEN FEELING ALL RUSTY, AS OF LATE...
...ALL THE STUFFINESS IS GETTING TO ME.
THAT'S WHY I LET HIM SLEEP. IT WAS INTENTIONAL
IT'S GONNA BE A LOT MORE FUN THAT WAY, DON'T YOU THINK?
SURELY YOU CAN SEE WHERE I COME FROM..?

RAAAAH!
ATTACKING BY SURPRISE AND ALL AT ONCE, ARE WE?

ULUIH.
IT'S POINT-LESS.
YOU'RE STRONG WHY ARE YOU SO POWER-FUL?
POINT-LESS DON'T BOTH-ER.
ガッ!

SAY... I COULD KILL YOU EASILY, BUT YOU DON'T WANNA DIE, YES? DO YOU?
I... I DON'T WANNA DIE...
I SEE. MUST BE THE SAME FOR ALL OF YOU GUYS...
YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT OTHERS, BUT YOU VALUE YOUR OWN LIVES. WE HAVE THAT MUCH IN COMMON.

THANK GOD...
SEE. IT'S KINDA BORING TO KILL OFF PEOPLE WHO ALREADY HAVE A DEATH WISH.

AAAAAAAAAARGH!
HIC..!
SPA... SPARE US..!!
NOT HAPPENING.
OH, WELL..

I MERELY KNOCKED YOU GUYS OUT, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GONNA TRY ANYTHING ELSE AGAINST US AFTER THAT LITTLE LESSON IN TERROR...
YOU ASKED ME WHY I WAS SO STRONG EARLIER, YES?
SQUEEZE
I'M GONNA TELL YOU.

I AM THE DEMON LORD. THAT'S WHY.

I'M GONNA KILL OFF THE HERO EVENTUALLY.
SO UNTIL THAT DAY COMES...
I WON'T LET HIM DIE TO ANYBODY ELSE...

SHEY-LAAAA!
I WAKE UP AND I FIND A HUGE HOLE INTO THE GROUND! YOU'VE BEEN GOING WILD ON THE LANDSCAPE AGAIN!
WHAT WAS THE SUDDEN RAMPAGE FOR?!
AND WHY DIDN'T IT WAKE ME UP?
I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT-MEOW EXACTLY WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YOU LIE!! IF THIS ISN'T ONE OF THE CRATERS YOU OPEN AT EVERY GIVEN OPPORTUNITY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS!! SO WHY ARE YOU LYING?!!
HUUUH
I...I, EEEER...
CRAP. I CAN'T EXACTLY TELL HIM WHY I'VE OPENED THAT CRATER.
THAT'S WHY I CAME UP WITH A SUITABLE LIE! BUT YOU FIGURED IT OUT!
YOU SHOULD BE THANKING ME! BUT I GUESS THAT AIN'T HAPP-ENING .!!
I AM THE DEMON LORD.
DAMN IT!!
DON'TCHA COME AFTER ME, STOOPID!
DON'T YOU RUN AWAY I'M NOT DONE TALKING!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "STUPID" ?!!

...BUT NOW I CAN'T ANYMORE.
AND I'M ON A TRIP WITH THE HERO, IN ORDER TO KILL HIM SOMEDAY...
YOU'VE GOT A BRUISE ON YOUR HAND!!
I SAID WAIT!!
COME ON!!
AND HERE I WAS, TRYING TO HEAL IT FOR YOU!
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SORRY!! I DIDN'T MEAN TO PULL THAT HARD..!!
WHY ARE YOU HOLDING ON TO ME..?
I'M NOT TAKING YOU ON MY BACK.
AH I FEEL SO CHEATED. IF YOU WANNA HUG SOMEONE, SHEYLA-CHAN, TRY ME.
YOU'RE REALLY INCORRIGIBLE!

I DON'T WANT YOU... TO SEE MY FACE...
WHY?
...
I CAN'T KILL HIM...
YOU WOULDN'T GET HURT LIKE THAT IF YOU STOPPED DOING ALL THESE BAD THINGS.
NEVERMIND. I'M GONNA HEAL YOU...
MAYBE SHE WAS HIT IN THE FACE...? IS SHE OKAY...?

BECAUSE
I'VE FALLEN
IN LOVE
WITH HIM.

NOT A DAY GOES BY WHEN I'M NOT LEFT NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO WITH HIM. A REAL PAIN IN THE BUM. HE GETS ON MY NERVES.
THE HERO IS KIND, BUT ALSO STUFFY, AND AN EASY MARK.
STUPID. STUPID...
IS SHE BAD-MOUTHING ME...?
AN IDIOT WHO CAN'T EVEN TELL LEFT FROM RIGHT. COLD LIKE DEAD FISH. A CRETIN.
I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE GUY..
HELLOOOO YOU'RE HEALED ALREADY CAN YOU HEAR ME? LET ME HAVE A LOOK AT YOUR FACE, NOW IT NEEDS HEALING TOO, RIGHT?
BUT FOR SOME REASON...
PAT PAT
DON'T WANNA DUMMY YOU FREAK
WHA-AAAT?!

AAAH SO ANNO-YING
I'M THE DEMON LORD, YA KNOW
YET YOU'VE DONE PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING TO PISS ME OFF BY NOW
HAA
LIKE YELLING AT ME
...WAIT!
THAT'S RIGHT!! WHY AM I LISTENING TO HIM AT ALL?!
Hp!
I MEAN, I EVEN SAVED HIS LIFE, DESPITE ALL THE TROUBLE HE'S CAUSING ME AND I DIDN'T EVEN KILL THOSE MONSTERS, BECAUSE YOU'VE ASKED ME NOT TO.
WHY AM I GETTING YELLED AT IN SPITE OF ALL THIS?!

THAT'S RIGHT!!
I'M NOT A LIAR!!!
AND HE CALLED ME A LIAR, TOO.!!!
WELL, I DID TELL A LIE, BUT IT WAS A WELL-MEANING ONE!!
THAT, AND I'M WEAK AT THE KNEES, IN FRONT OF HIM.
AAAH BEING CALLED A LIAR EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T TELL A LIE? NOW I'M MAD
I WANT HIM TO APOLOGIZE!! BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TALK HIM INTO IT!! HELL, I'M PISSED. I WANNA RUN AMOK, BUT I CAN'T.
THIS WON'T BE SETTLED UNTIL HE MAKES AN APOLOGY.

HEY SHEYLA-CHAN SHEYLA-CHAN
WELL, HE DID HEAL MY HAND...
BUT HE HEALED THAT OTHER MONSTER TOO... IF THAT AIN'T FUNNY...
UH? WAS SHEYLA-CHAN POUTING?
はあ
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!
DON'T "WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!" ME. YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING BAD TO SHEYLA-CHAN, HAVEN'T YOU?!
I HAVE NOT!
EXA! IT'S YOU!! WHATEVER YOU DID, SHEYLA-CHAN'S ALL WEIRD, NOW!! APOLOGIZE!!
EEEH?! IT'S EXA-SAMA'S FAULT?!!
YEAH! NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!!

THE... THESE TWO GET ALONG PRETTY WELL...
UM, SHEYLA.
APOLOGIZE AND CHEER HER UP..!!
PEEVED
GASP
LH..? SHE'S IGNORING ME? SHEYLA, DO YOU WANT SOME-THING..?
HOW ABOUT WE HAVE WHATEVER YOU WANT FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
IGNORES
ALRIGHT... IF YOU WANT SOMETHING, ANYTHING, JUST SAY SO.
HUMPH

WELL, NO
WHAT THE HECK AM I PLAYING AT...?
EXCUSE ME...
I'M REALLY SORRY
I'VE REPRIMANDED YOU HARSHLY... AND FOR NO GOOD REASON...
I WON'T JUST DISMISS WHATEVER EXPLANATION YOU HAVE ANYMORE
PROBABLY... NO FOR SURE THOUGH IT MIGHT STILL HAPPEN EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE...
YEAH
WHEN YOU SAID I COULD ASK FOR ANYTHING, DID YOU MEAN IT?
...

SO TAKE ME ON YOUR BACK.
VMM
TILL OUR NEXT DESTINATION.
BY THE WAY, I OPENED THAT CRATER IN THE GROUND FOR NO GOOD REASON I WAS IN A BAD MOOD, AND THAT'S ABOUT IT.
SHE...
AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT TONIGHT'S MEAL...
SHE GOT ME COMP-LETELY ..!!!

I WANT IT TO CONTINUE FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE
HOW LONG WILL THIS HAPPINESS LAST?
SHE FELL ASLEEP?!
DOZE
YOU REALLY HAVE A PROBLEM!
AH SHEYLA-CHAN, I CAN CARRY YOU FOREVER IF IT MAKES YOU HAPPY
YOU'RE REALLY THE DEMON LORD, AFTER ALL.. NO. YOU WERE FROM THE BEGINNING. I THOUGHT YOU WERE, BUT NOW I'VE BEEN ABLE TO HEAR IT FROM YOU.
I'M GONNA KILL OFF THE HERO EVENTUALLY
LOOK OUT FOR AN OPENING, AND WIPE YOU OUT OF EXISTENCE
THEN I HAVE ONLY ONE THING TO DO.

Story.2 Exa

I AM THE DEMON LORD.
I'M ON A TRIP WITH THE HERO.
HEROES AND DEMON LORDS AREN'T COMPATIBLE.
IN TRUTH, HE'S A MORTAL ENEMY, BUT I COULDN'T HELP TAKING AN INTEREST IN HIM.
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AH
THE HERO IS PERFECTION MADE MAN

GOOD REFLEXES.
HERO-SAMA, I'VE FOUND SOME MEDICINAL PLANTS THAT COULD BE USED TO HEAL WOUNDS, SO I PICKED THEM UP.
IF SOMEONE NEEDS HEALING JUST LET ME KNOW.
HEEEY, EXA! THE FIRE IS READY!
EXA-SAMA, I'VE FOUND PLENTY OF DELICIOUS-LOOKING BERRIES!
THANKS.
HE'S PERFECT, AND HAS THE POWER IT TAKES TO ORGANIZE PEOPLE

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PISSES ME OFF.
HEROOOO!
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SFX. SPLASH SPLASH
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HUMAN BEINGS ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE FLAWS
DESPITE THIS, HE SPORTS EXCEEDINGLY FEW OF THEM
POISONOUS FROG.
HEIGHT: 6 CM
ITS ALKALOID POISON ATTACKS THE NERVES.
HERE YOU CAN HAVE THIS
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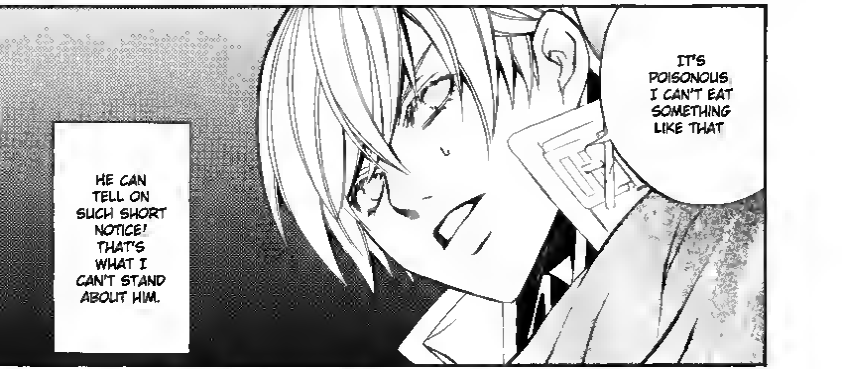
IT'S GOT A NICE COLOR. YOU COULD EAT—
YAH!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH IT..?


IT'S POISONOUS. I CAN'T EAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT
HE CAN TELL ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE! THAT'S WHAT I CAN'T STAND ABOUT HIM.

OF COURSE.
THAT'S WHAT THE FISHING IS FOR.
ALRIGHT! IT'S FINE IF THERE'S NO POISON, YEAH? I'LL [redacted] YOU SOMETHING THAT ISN'T POISONOUS SO YOU CAN EAT IT!!

I WAS UNABLE TO TELL, BUT HE COULD?
POUT~
CRAP IT WAS POISON, THEN.

HERE.
OKINA.
OKINA GENUS (MONSTER).
HEIGHT: 30 CM (SPAN: 50 CM).
NON-POISONOUS.
FOUND ALL AROUND THE WORLD.
THE MOST COMMON VARIETY OF THE OKINA GENUS.
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IT WASN'T POISONOUS!
LIKE HELL I COULD EAT THAT!!
AND YOU PULLED THE SAME THING IN THE PAST, TOO
DAMN IT! I'M SURE AS HELL GONNA FIND SOME FOOD! AND YOU SHALL PROSTRATE YOURSELF BEFORE ME!
LAKSHRI
WHAAAT IS IIIIT, SHEYLA-CHAN?
EAT.

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TASTES GOOD?
UMMM. IT'S GOT A PRETTY WILD TASTE YES, IT MIGHT FLY.
IT'S HARD TO CHEW UPON, TOO
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SFX. MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
GOOD... IT DOESN'T LOOK POISONOUS.
THE HERO WON'T BE ABLE TO RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS.
SHEYLA-CHAN. I'LL LET YOU HAVE SOMETHING NICE AS A THANK-YOU GIFT.
WHAT IS IT? DOES IT TASTE GOOD?
YES
'KAY, GIVE IT, THEN
SMACK!

IT'S CALLED A KISS HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?
GROSS.
SWIPE
SWIPE
CREST-FALLEN

WELL... UM. I JUST GAVE IT TO YOU. IT WAS THE KISS... YA KNOW?
COME ON WHAT ABOUT THAT TASTY TREAT YOU HAD FOR ME..?
LOSCH-CHAN! I'M SAD, CONSOLE ME!!
WHAT? IF YOU'VE GOT NOTHING, DON'T GO LYING ABOUT IT
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AAAAH.
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OHOM..
ANGE-LICA.
BOUNCY
CURVY
BOUNCY
NORMAL WOMAN.
OOOH! THIS IS DANGEROUS !!
SOME-THING THAT SHOULD BE THERE ISN'..!

NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO MENTION IT!!

WHAT?
...
NOTHING
ANNOYED~
IT'S NOTHING, I SAID
THAT'S A LIE! I CAN TELL YOU WANNA SAY SOMETHING!!
IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, SPIT IT OUT!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH A NICE HUMAN BEING?
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING ANGRY FOR?
ALWAYS PLAYING THE PERFECT HUMAN! WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?!
YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THAT, ONLY SHOWING THE BEST PART OF YOURSELF!

YEAH... GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL, DRAGGING ME DOWN LIKE THAT?
THAT'S NOT QUITE THE POINT...
SHEYLA-CHAN, EXA-SAMA!! DODGE!!
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SHEYLA !!
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EXA-SAMA .! I'M SORRY!!
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ACHOO!!
HE'S FEVERISH... FOR NOW, WE BETTER LET HIM REST FOR A WHILE
AAAH! EXA-SAMA?!
TILT
ALL THE MORE AS HE'S GOT A PART-ICULARLY STRONG SENSE OF RESPONS-IBILITY...
I DON'T THINK SO... WHEN YOU KEEP STEELING YOURSELF ON PRINCIPLE, THE FATIGUE EVENTUALLY CATCHES UP TO YOU, ALL IN ONE GO
A COLD? HOW DELICATE HE REALLY LACKS IN DISCIPLINE.
IN ADD-ITION...
LOOK AT ME I FELL INTO THAT RIVER JUST LIKE HE DID, AND I'M PERFECTLY FINE.

NO IT'S YOURS
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY? ARE YOU BLAMING IT ON ME?
ERM... NO. I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THAT SOMETHING WOULD BE
IT'S YOUR FAULT IN THE FIRST PLACE, ISN'T IT?
HA
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HA
HE WOULDN'T HAVE CAUGHT THAT COLD IF IT WEREN'T FOR A CERTAIN SOMETHING...
UMMM
UMMM
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DRAG ME DOWN FOR?
NOTHING... THAT'S NOT QUITE THE POINT
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...

PERK~
SO WHAT IS IT I WAS TRYING TO DO?
A MONSTER... NOW OF ALL TIMES... IT'S ALONE, THOUGH. SHOULD BE EASY PICKINGS...

IT'S MY FAULT...
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HE DIDN'T NEED TO HELP ME, ANYWAY. HE WOULDN'T HAVE CAUGHT THAT COLD.
FALLING IS NO BIG DEAL, BUT HE HAD TO ACT ALL COOL.
HH HHE HE...
SHE'S ALL ALONE
THE PREY'S DOING ALL THE WORK BY ITSELF.

GOTTA ADMIT, THOUGH.. I'M GLAD HE DID...
HEEEEY
TODOM TODOM--
CHUCKLE
HEEEEY
GIGGLE
HEEEY
!?
Ha!!
I HAVE YOU NOW ..
HEH HEH HEH...

WHAT THE HECK IS THIS..?!
I HAVE Y...
BEEEK. IT'S COILING AROUND MEEE!!!
I HAVE YOU NOW!
...
...
ERM. AND WHO ARE YOU?
DON'T WANNA HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT BLIMP.
YOU'VE JUST THOUGHT OF ME AS A BLIMMER, DIDN'T YOU?!
WE SHOULD TELL EXA-SA...
HE'S SICK. LEAVE HIM BE...
UH...
WHAT HAPPENED ..?

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN...?
SHEYLA-CHAN'S GONE INTO THE FOREST, AND SHE HASN'T COME BACK
WE THINK SHE MIGHT BE LOST...
ONE HOUR... STRANGE, DON'T YOU THINK?
WE WERE DISCUSSING WHETHER WE SHOULD ALL GO LOOK FOR HER TOGETHER
TOGETHER..?

THAT'D BE INEFFICIENT. YOU'D BETTER SPLIT UP.
HEY, EXA YOUR FEVER...
DUH ?
HE'S IGNORING ME...
COULD HE BE ANGRY, BY ANY CHANCE ?
EH? WHY ?

HAH HAH NA SO?
YOU'RE UNABLE TO MOVE, AREN'T YOU?
THIS NET IS STURDY AND FLEXIBLE. NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM IT
THE MORE I MOVE, THE MORE I GET ENTANGLED INTO THESE THREADS.
...BUT A RESCUE FROM ANYONE IS UNLIKELY TO HAPPEN IN THIS SITUATION.
THE HERO DID SAVE ME!..
MISTER GOOD GUY!!
HUM!
HERE HE COMES AGAIN.
STARTLE

WHATEVER HAPPENS, THINGS WILL GO FOR THE BEST.
BRIMMING WITH A SENSE OF JUSTICE, PROFUSELY COURTEOUS, INVITING GRATITUDE.
I'M TRYING TO EXPLAIN THE REASON WHY YOU'RE TIED UP
CARE TO LISTEN ALREADY?
AHEM.
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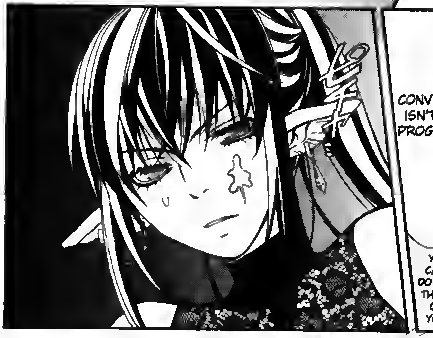
THAT'S RIGHT. THE HERO IS AMONG THE BEST OF WHAT HUMANITY HAS TO OFFER.
I FALL FOR IT, AND EVEN IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS I THINK ABOUT YOU, AND I ALWAYS END UP IN TROUBLE. THEN, THE CYCLE REPEATS ITSELF.
TSSK
DAMN, IF ONLY YOU COULD SHARE THE SAME FEELINGS, EVEN ONE TIME OUT OF TEN...
HEEY. HEEEEY.
EXCUSE ME..? IF I GOT SERIOUS, I COULD VAPORIZE YOU WITHOUT EVEN THINKING ABOUT IT...
NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO BE A GOOD PREY AND KEEL OVER ALREADY!
I MEAN, ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?

BUT IF I DO, THE HERO WILL GET MAD AT ME.

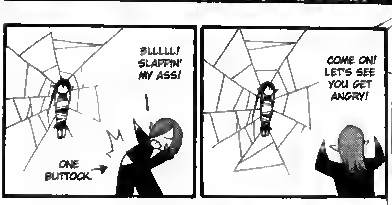
THAT'S WHY I'M KEEPING MY POWER IN CHECK, AND MULLING THINGS OVER.



THE CONVERSATION ISN'T REALLY PROGRESSING

YOU'VE BEEN IGNORING ME FROM THE BEGINNING IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU LOOKED OVER HERE

YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING, CAN YOU?



HE AIN'T GONNA FIND OUT IF A SMALL FRY LIKE YOU DIES! I'MMA KILL YOU DEAD!!

BOTH HALVES OF YOU.

DAMN YOU..!! NOW I'M PISSED!! WHY SHOULD I SHOW YOU MERCY FOR THE SAKE OF THE HERO?!

WHA... WHAT?!
ARE YOU TRYING TO CUT OFF THE THREADS ?!
DON'T BOTHER! IT'S TOTALLY ..!
POINTLEEEESS!
HIC
GRIN~

NOW IT'S TIME TO FINISH THIS.
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HAD ENOUGH TIME TO SAY YOUR PRAYERS ?
DIE!!
HIIIC!

HIIIIIIC!
DON'T KILL HIM..!!

HEH HEH HEH
...
JU... JUST KIDDING~ MEOOOOW
!?
H... HUMPH YOU WERE JUST TRYING TO LOOK THREATENING..?
THEN I'LL GRANT YOU YOUR WISH AND KILL YOU RIGHT AWAY!!
I WON'T BE ABLE TO DODGE THIS..!

H... HH?

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THA... THANKS...
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H .. HMPH
MORE PREY JUST JUMPING SPONTANEOUSLY INTO THE PREDATOR'S MAW?!
I'M GONNA KILL THE TWO OF YOU AND PUT AN END TO THIS!!

I'VE GOT A FEVER, I'M FEELING SLUGGISH, AND MY HEAD IS SPINNING
I WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD BACK.
THEN YOU COME ALONG AND PISS ME OFF
AND HERE I..!

DON'T WORRY. MY SWORD DOESN'T HAVE AN EDGE.
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...COME ..!
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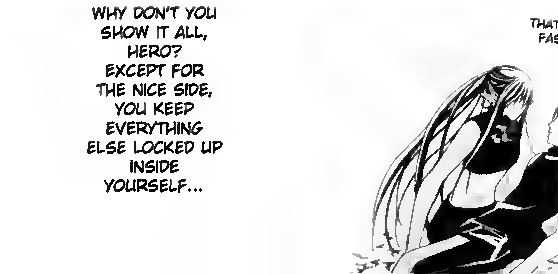
UNH...

WELL, I ALREADY SAID THANK YOU EARLIER.
IF I THANK HIM FOR CUTTING THE THREADS AND FOR THE MONSTER HE'S JUST DEFEATED THAT'S 2 MORE TIMES
AHEM. . ...HEM.
BUT IT'D BE KINDA AWKWARD NOT TO SAY ANYTHING... MAYBE I SHOULD MENTION HOW ANNOYING THAT MONSTER WAS, JUST TO BREAK THE ICE...
...
WHAT IS IT?!
HERO!!

YOU IDIOT!!
CALM DOWN!
CALM DOWN...
BUT IT WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED IF ALL OF US HAD FOUGHT TOGETHER, YEAH?
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO GO ABOUT IT ALL BY YOURSELF
I COULDN'T AFFORD TO LET YOU GET INVOLVED
...
WHATEVER YOU SAY, YOU'RE ALWAYS RIGHT.
NEVER A USELESS MOVE, NEVER SHOWING ANY WEAK-NESS

ARE YOU MAD..?
YEAH BECAUSE YOU JUST WENT ABOUT IT WITHOUT CONSULTING ANYONE....
THAT'S WHAT I CAN'T STAND ABOUT YOU.
AND...
AND..?
...

NOTHING.
THE HECK! IF YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM, JUST SPIT OUT THE WHOLE THING!!
ENOUGH. I'M TIRED.
TIME TO SLEEP
NO YOU DON'T!! HELL NO!!
Ugu...


WHY DON'T YOU SHOW IT ALL, HERO? EXCEPT FOR THE NICE SIDE, YOU KEEP EVERYTHING ELSE LOCKED UP INSIDE YOURSELF...
THAT WAS FAST

I'M NOT TRYING TO DRAG YOU DOWN.

I WANNA KNOW IT ALL. YOUR NICE FACET...

...AS WELL AS YOUR UGLY SIDE.

THAT'S WHAT BEING IN LOVE IS ABOUT, RIGHT..?
I THOUGHT NOTHING OF IT, BACK THEN.
BUT WHO WOULD'VE GUESSED KISSING COULD BE SO EMBARRASSING?!!

EXA-SAMA... ARE YOU GONNA BE ALRIGHT?
I WILL... GIVE ME SOME TIME, AND I'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW.
THE HECK! IF YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM, JUST SPIT OUT THE WHOLE THING!!
I FELT SOMETHING BACK THEN.
I WAS FEELING JEALOUS.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF.
I CAN'T EXACTLY SHOW YOU THAT UNSIGHTLY PART OF ME.
AND TALKING ABOUT IT IS ALSO RIGHT OUT.
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WHY DO I FEEL LIKE THIS WHENEVER I REMEMBER THAT MOMENT..?

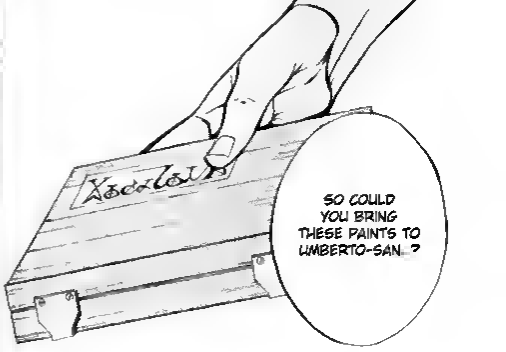
WELL, LET'S GET GOING...
YUP.
YEAH.
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
?
WHAT IS IT SHE GAVE ME...?
UHMM. IT'S GOT A PRETTY WILD TASTE YES, IT MIGHT FLY
TASTES GOOD?
MUNCH
MUNCH
GRRRRRRRR

MY HUMAN MOTHER MARRIED HIM, AND THUS I WAS BORN.
MY DADDY IS THE SON OF MY GRANDDAD, A MONSTER, AND MY HUMAN GRANNY.
THAT MAKES ME HALF MONSTER.

Story.3 Angelica

BUT SHE COULDN'T TELL ME.
WHENEVER I WAS BULLIED, I WOULD COME TO LOATHE MY EYE, AND MY BLOOD.
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO FALL IN LOVE WITH A MONSTER?
I ASKED MY GRANDMOTHER THIS MY GRANDMOTHER, WHO GAVE ME MY NAME

BUT WHENEVER SHE TALKED ABOUT GRANDPA...
...SHE'D INVARIABLY BE HAPPY ABOUT IT.
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND. I HEARD HE'D LEFT HER WITHOUT A WORD...
EXCUSE ME, HERO-SAMA. CAN I ASK A FAVOR OF YOU?
I'VE SPRAINED MY ANKLE...


SO COULD YOU BRING THESE PAINTS TO UMBERTO-SAN..?

PAINTS..?

COUGH COUGH
YES? LIMBERTO, YES, THAT'S ME. WHAT IS IT?
EH? FROM KAWARD-SAN?
HE'S SPRAINED HIS ANKLE? IS HE GONNA BE ALRIGHT?
WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
A BEAR.
HE'S A BEAR.
LOOKS LIKE A BEAR, AND HIS HOBBIES INVOLVE PAINTING
NAH, I MUST NOT BE LOOKING PROPERLY. LET'S HAVE ANOTHER LOOK.

PLEASE COME IN.
I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO OFFER, BUT STILL...
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME HONEY?
HE'S A BEAR ALRIGHT!!!
EVEN TALKS ABOUT HONEY...
POKE
SPONTANEOUSLY PLAYING DEAD...
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AH OUR APOLOGIES.
HOW RUDE I'M NOT A BEAR.
I'M A HONEST TO GOODNESS MONSTER
SHADDAP
HE'S GOTTA HAVE A POOR VISION.
IF ONLY I WAS 40 YEARS YOUNGER
OH MY ADORABLE THAT'S TOO MUCH
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT. YOU'RE PRETTY WELL BEYOND WORDS.
BUT TO THINK YOU'RE A HERO AND THAT YOU EVEN HAVE SUCH AN ADORABLE GIRL FOLLOWING YOU THIS MAKES ME MERRIER THAN WHAT MY AGE WOULD ALLOW
I ENJOY THESE MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.
AAAH, LIMBERTO-SAN YOUR HONEY FROM EARLIER TASTED WONDERFUL THANK YOU!
TAKE THESE APPLES WITH MY THANKS
HE DOES HAVE A POOR VISION AFTER ALL...
THE TWO OF YOU GET ALONG PRETTY WELL, DON'T YOU? I'M JEALOUS
YES?
LIMBERTO-SAAAAN!

ALSO, UMBERTO-SAN.
THANK YOU FOR THAT NICE PICTURE FROM LAST TIME.
IT'S DONE A LOT OF GOOD TO MY ROOM'S ATMOSPHERE
I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT. I DON'T PAINT LANDSCAPES ALL THAT OFTEN.
DON'T FORGET TO DROP BY FOR LUNCH.
PECK
MONSTER AND HUMAN GETTING ALONG SO WELL.
WHAT A STRANGE VISION...
PEOPLE AROUND HERE DON'T SEEM TO MIND MONSTERS.
NUH. HE DOESN'T MIND THE VILLAGERS, SO THEY DON'T MIND HIM EITHER. MORE LIKE.
TASTES GOO.
MUNCH
THEY IGNORE ME TOO. EVEN THOUGH I'M A MONSTER.

SO VILLAGES LIKE THAT EXIST TOO...
SOME GOOD TASTE, TOO...
APPLES, TEA, SCONES, HONEY IT'S ALL DELICIOUS
AAH, EXCUSE ME WHAT A HOST I MAKE
IT WAS NOTHING
TASTY
WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?
WELL, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR A GIRL.

LUMBERTO-SAN IS SUCH A NICE PERSON.
AH STOP PAYING ATTENTION FOR ONE MINUTE, AND IT'S GETTING DARK ALREADY.
IN THE ENJOYMENT, I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE WHEN WE STARTED TALKING.
SAME GOES FOR US...

AAH. UMBERTO?
HE'S SPECIAL...
AND YOU KNOW, UMBERTO-SAN IS REALLY ENTERTAINING, AND HE'S A PLEASANT CONVERSATIONALIST
SHE SURE TALKS A LOT
ANGELICA, WE'RE GOING AHEAD
GUESS WE'LL SPEND TODAY'S NIGHT IN THIS VILLAGE...
HE CAME TO THIS VILLAGE 40 YEARS AGO...
HE'D BEEN ROUGHED UP BY HUMAN BEINGS...
HE WAS IN SHAMBLES... OBVIOUSLY IN BAD SHAPE...

SOMETHING ABOUT HIM FALLING IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN WOMAN
AND A LITTLE GIRL BEING BORN FROM THEIR UNION...
THEN THE VILLAGERS DROVE HIM OUT OF TOWN...
SAD, IT IS...
AT FIRST, PEOPLE HERE THOUGHT THEY'D LET HIM STAY JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR HIS INJURIES TO HEAL...
THAT'S WHEN UMBERTO TURNED OUT TO BE A VERY SOCIABLE FELLOW, WHO NEVER BALKED WHENEVER SOMETHING WAS ASKED OF HIM, AND HANDLED IT LIKE IT WAS NOTHING... YOU GET THE PICTURE.

BEFORE ANYONE KNEW...
...PEOPLE STARTED TO GATHER ALL AROUND HIM
I SEE...
SO THAT KIND OF MONSTERS EXIST TOO
HE'S STILL A MONSTER, THOUGH.
AND WHEN A MONSTER GETS ALONG WELL WITH HUMANS, THE OTHER MONSTERS COME ALONG, LOOKING FOR TROUBLE
THAT'S WHY EVEN THOUGH HE'S ON GOOD TERMS WITH US, HE HAS TO PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN US AND HIMSELF

A SAD STORY...
BY THE SAME TOKEN, HIS HOUSE IS BUILT SLIGHTLY AWAY FROM THE REST OF THE VILLAGE.
THIS IS THE KIND OF SADNESS UMBERTO-SAN HAD TO GET OVER...
IT NEVER SHOWED EVEN ONCE ON HIS FACE...

TODAY'S REALLY BEEN A GOOD DAY...
WORKING HARD!
I HEARD THERE WAS A HERO IN TOWN..
SO... WHAT OF IT..?
KILL HIM.

POUT
ME? NOT HAPPENING
WHAT?
LAST TIME I CHECKED, YOU WERE A MONSTER...
I DON'T WANNA STICK TO THE MONSTER OR THE HUMAN SIDE
I'D RATHER BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH BOTH, IF POSSIBLE.
IF THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG, IT'S WITH THE WORLD NOT ME.

I CAN HELP THERE! I WILL MAKE YOU SUFFER!!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONNA TAKE SOME PAIN TO MAKE YOUR EYES OPEN.
YOU'RE JUST SUGAR-COATING THE FACT THAT YOU WANNA LIVE AROUND HUMANS..!!
MAGIC..?!
WHA..!

YOU TORMENT UMBERTO-SAN...
I TEACH YOU HOW TO FLY!!!
AAAARGH!

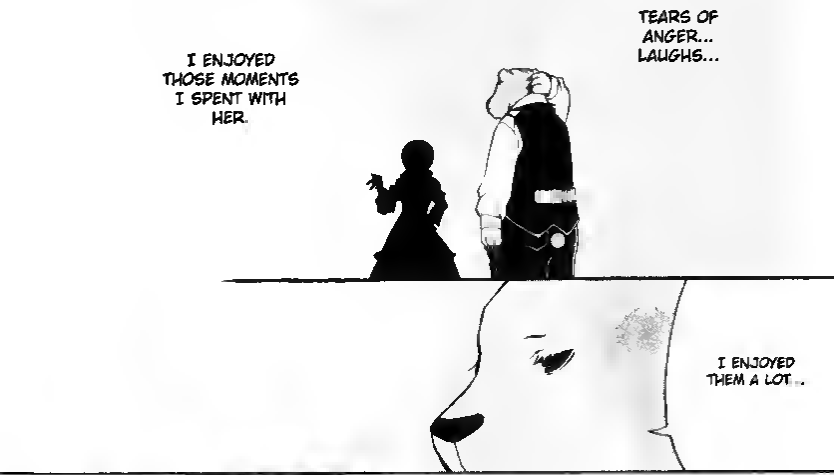
WELL, THAT WAS SCARY ENOUGH. THANK YOU.
POKE
UMBERTO-SAN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
A STRONG GIRL. JUST HOW I LIKE THEM
AAAH. IF ONLY I WAS 40 YEARS YOUNGER...
BEER... UM...
I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT...?
HOW YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN WOMAN
THE OLD MAN AT THE INN TOLD ME ABOUT YOU.

I GUESS IT'S IMPOLITE TO ASK THIS, BUT I NEED TO KNOW...
AH, YES...
CAN HUMANS AND MONSTERS REALLY FALL IN LOVE WITH ONE ANOTHER..?
YES, THEY CAN. AT THE VERY LEAST, IT HAPPENED FOR ME..
...

YES BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.
HUMAN OR MONSTER, I JUST LOVED MY HONEY
SHE WAS STRONG
HAD ME CRY A LOT.
A MONSTER LOSING TO A HUMAN...
HONEY? THAT'S WHAT YOU CALLED HER?
YES THAT'S WHAT I CALLED MY LOVER.
SHE HAD NERVE, AND COURAGE
WHEN I WAS WORRIED, SHE'D PAT ME IN THE BACK
CHEER UP, MY DARLING. CHEER UP.

HER SMILE WAS SO BEAUTIFUL.
THE MERE SIGHT OF IT WAS ENOUGH TO RAISE MY LOW SPIRITS THROUGH THE ROOF

SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN STRONG, BUT SHE WAS A REAL CRYBABY
SO QUITE OFTEN, THE TWO OF US ARGUED AND CRIED AT THE SAME TIME


TEARS OF ANGER... LAUGHS...
I ENJOYED THOSE MOMENTS I SPENT WITH HER.
I ENJOYED THEM A LOT...

BY NOW, THE MERE MEMORY OF IT IS MORE THAN ENOUGH.

BECAUSE FOR ME, IT ISN'T...
REALLY?
A SIMPLE MEMORY, MORE THAN ENOUGH...?
NOT KNOWING MY GRANDDAD MAKES ME FEEL LONESOME.
YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER, DON'T YOU?
DON'T YOU WANT TO MEET HER...?
I WISH I COULD MEET HER.
THAT'S RIGHT...
I DO... I DO...
I'D LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT MY DAUGHTER...
IF I HAVE ANY REGRET, IT'S THIS I WISH I COULD HAVE SEEN HER GROW UP, BUT I COULDN'T...

IT'D BE NICE IF YOU COULD SEE HER...
...
I CANNOT.
I LEFT THEM BEHIND, EVEN THOUGH I KNEW PEOPLE WERE MAKING THEM SUFFERING.
ALL I DESERVE IS GOD'S PUNISHMENT UPON ME...
AND THAT'S WHY I'D LIKE TO LET HIM MEET HER

HE'S NOT HE'S A MONSTER.
HE'S A BEAR, THOUGH
BECAUSE
FROM WHAT I HEAR, I CAN TELL
UMBERTO -SAN IS A GOOD PERSON.
UMBERTO, YOUNGER AND ASSUMING HIS HUMAN FORM
HE CAN TAKE A NEARLY-HUMAN FORM AS WELL
HE DOESN'T DO IT NOW, BECAUSE HE'S TIRED
BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT STUFF FROM 40 YEARS AGO WE AREN'T EXACTLY DROWNING UNDER THE POTENTIAL LEADS
THAT KIND OF MONSTER DOES EXIST- MEOW BUT THIS HERE IS MY ORIGINAL FORM.
IS THAT THE CASE FOR YOU, SHEYLA?
ON TOP OF THAT, WE'RE ON A TRIP TO DEFEAT THE DEMON LORD
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH ROOM FOR THAT KIND OF THINGS

I MEAN, FOR ALL WE KNOW HE COULD BE YOUR GRANDPA
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
...
HE'S NOT. BECAUSE I GOT THE HALF-MONSTER BLOOD FROM MY FATHER
AND UMBERTO-SAN HAD A DAUGHTER.
...BUT ...
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY I'M 40?
AND I'M QUARTER MONSTER, YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
HOW OLD ARE YOU?

IF MY OWN GRANDDAD IS LIKE HIM, I WON'T MIND AT ALL...

OH THE HERO AND HIS FRIENDS
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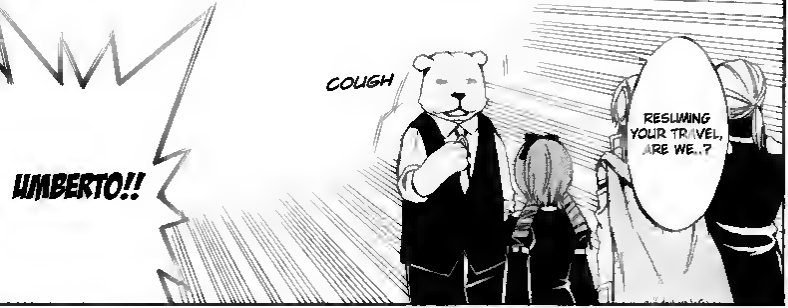
WE'RE HERE TO THANK YOU FOR THE HELP...


UMBERTO!!
COUGH
RESUMING YOUR TRAVEL, ARE WE..?

YOU WENT WAY TOO FAR, YESTERDAY ..!
WE'RE GONNA DESTROY THAT VILLAGE, ALONG WITH THE HERO AND HIS FRIENDS!!

YOU GOT IT!
EVERY-BODY! TO THE FIGHT!
YEAH!
THE MONSTERS FROM YESTERDAY?! COME TO PICK ON UMBERTO-SAN AGAIN?!
EVEN BROUGHT YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS WITH YOU..!!

...BLOOD?
UMBERTO-SAN?!
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
WAIT A MINUTE... ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
EXA-SAMA! I'M GOING!!
RIGHT!!
WHERE IS IT?!
COUGH
MY MEDICINE...
SECOND FLOOR.
OH NO, YOU DON'T!

OUT OF MY WAY!
ARGH!
THE LITTLE BRAT... SHE'S PLAYING ME FOR A FOOL
I NEED TO FIND IT, QUICK
MEDICINE... WHERE IS THE MEDICINE...?
HERE!
GOTTA BRING IT BACK TO HIM ASAP

...ME?!!
A PAINTING...?
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF
PLENTY OF PICTURES OF THE SAME PERSON...
NO. THE PICTURE'S MUCH TOO OLD.
AND THE EYE COLORS ARE MISMATCHED.

GRANDDAD DISAPPEARED BEFORE MY FATHER WAS BORN, WITHOUT A WORD.
MY GRAND-FATHER...
NOW.. I REMEMBER ...
THAT'S WHY HE THINKS HE'S HAD A DAUGHTER
THE ONLY NAME HE COULD THINK OF, BACK THEN WAS ANGELICA.
"BECAUSE SHE'LL BE OUR ANGEL", HE SAID...

GOSH HE WAS SUCH A SCATTER-BRAIN
SO WHEN OUR GRAND-DAUGHTER WAS BORN, WE GAVE HER THE NAME.
WHICH MEANS YOUR REAL GODPARENT IS YOUR GRAND-FATHER...
COUGH COUGH
UMBERTO-SAN!!
COUGH COUGH

!?
AAAH!
WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING AT?!
YOU!! YOU'LL PAY FOR WHAT YOU DID YESTERDAY..!!
WITHOUT YOUR STAFF, YOU CAN'T PERFORM MAGIC NO LONGER.
I WIN...

?!
YOU'RE RIGHT... A STAFF NORMALLY SERVES AS A MAGICAL ENHANCER
BUT I'M A QUARTER MONSTER.
AND SOMETIMES THE PRODUCT OF AN UNION BETWEEN HUMAN AND MONSTER IS GIFTED WITH INCREDIBLE POWER.
IN MY CASE, THE STAFF IS A SHACKLE THAT HELPS ME KEEP MY ABILITIES IN CHECK...
?!
SO..!?

YOU'RE GONNA BE SO SORRY!!
ANGELICA! YOU CAUGHT ME INTO THE BLAST!
DUUUUUUH

YOU'RE MY GRANDPA... AREN'T YOU. ?
THANK YOU...
GULP
I NOTICED THE MOMENT I SET MY EYES UPON YOU.
BECAUSE YOU'RE THE SPITTING IMAGE OF MY HONEY...
IS SHE STILL ALRIGHT?
THAT'S WHY HE WAS AFTER MY BUTT HE WAS CHECKING
THE BUTT, PARTICU-LARLY

SHE DIED OF A DISEASE WHEN I WAS A CHILD
I SEE...
GUESS I WON'T GET TO SEE HER AGAIN...
WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME KNOW WHO YOU WERE...?
I WAS AFRAID THAT YOU WOULD HATE ME...
FOR ABANDONING HONEY BEHIND WITH THE CHILD...

I ASKED THE OLD MAN AT THE INN.
YOU LEFT THEM BEHIND BECAUSE STAYING WITH THEM MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN THEM KILLED...
YOU DIDN'T ABANDON THEM.
IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES FOR YOU NOT TO BRING HARM UPON MY WIFE AND MY CHILD...
I UNDERSTAND...
YEAH WE DON'T WANNA LIVE WITH A MONSTER AROUND, WHO COULD TAKE OUR HEADS IN OUR SLEEP ANYTIME
YOU GET LOST, AND WE CLOSE OUR EYES ON THE HALF-MONSTER AND ITS MOTHER.

IT'S NOT... LIKE HE COULD TELL THIS TO HIS BRIDE.
BECAUSE HE WANTED HER TO LIVE PEACEFULLY WITH THE REST OF THE VILLAGERS.
WE PROPOSED HIM TO STAY HERE IN OUR VILLAGE
BUT BECAUSE OF THE MONSTER ATTACKS, HE'D HAVE TO LIVE AWAY FROM THE REST OF US ..
THE TRUTH IS, HE WANTED TO SEE THEM TO LIVE WITH THEM ..
BUT HE WANTED THEM TO BE HAPPY.
SO HE SPENT THE REST OF HIS LIFE DENYING HIMSELF THAT WISH. HE WASN'T A VERY POWERFUL MONSTER...
...SO HE HAD NO OTHER CHOICE.

IF GOD IS WATCHING, I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME HE GAVE THE MAN HIS REWARD....
I'VE BEEN BULLIED, BUT THEY'VE NEVER TRIED TO KILL ME....
CERTAINLY I HAVE MY GRANDDAD TO THANK FOR THAT..
HE WASN'T NEARBY, BUT HIS SPIRIT NEVER FAILED TO PROTECT ME
NO FOR THE MOST PART, WE'VE BEEN HAPPY
I HOPE LIFE HASN'T BEEN TOO HARD...?
HONEY HASN'T BEEN CRYING...?

I SEE...
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR...
THAT SAID, GRANNY'S ALWAYS BEEN WORRIED ABOUT YOU
SHE MUST HAVE CRIED A LOT TOO, BECAUSE SHE WAS A CRYBABY
HUHU... I'M QUITE THE CRYBABY MYSELF...
SHE MUST HAVE UNDERSTOOD WHAT HAPPENED
SO SHE FORGAVE YOU.

I SEE... SHE UNDER-STOOD...
AAH. TO THINK I HAD TO GROW THIS OLD TO SEE MY GRAND-DAUGHTER —
I WISH I COULD SEE HER ONCE
I WANT TO SEE HER.
SEE HER.
COUGH COUGH COUGH
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!

I...
I HAVE NO MORE REGRETS...
THIS IS PROBABLY GOD'S WHIM HE WAS MEANT TO PUNISH ME
NOOOO! GRAND-DADDY, DON'T DIE!!!

I'M NOT DYING I'M JUST ALLERGIC TO POLLEN.
COUGH
THE POLLEN WENT INTO MY THROAT, AND BLOOD MIXED WITH MY SALIVA I WASN'T EXPECTING IT, THOUGH. MY ALLERGY WILL HEAL BY THE TIME THE SEASON IS OVER.
TERRIBLE AAH, HOW I HATE THAT PERIOD
WELL...
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, ANGELICA.
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF TOO, GRAND-DADDY
FFFF

...
WELL, WE HAVEN'T TALKED IN A WHILE, HONEY
MY WISH HAS BEEN GRANTED
I'LL BE COMING YOUR WAY SOON ENOUGH
CALL ME AN EGOIST. MY WISH HAS JUST BEEN GRANTED, BUT NOW I'VE COME UP WITH ANOTHER ONE
I WANNA SEE HER GROW UP FOR MYSELF
I WANNA SEE HER BE HAPPY EVEN RUMORS WILL DO
?!
STUPID
YOU'VE NEVER REALLY WISHED ANYTHING FOR YOURSELF
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR WANTING TO STAY ALIVE A LITTLE LONGER.

I'VE HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME TO ENJOY OUR GRAND-DAUGHTER'S COMPANY.
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN...
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, HONEY.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO JOIN YOU BEFORE A LITTLE WHILE...

ANGELICA, YOU'RE GONNA BE FINE? YOU DON'T WANNA STAY BEHIND WITH YOUR GRANDFATHER?
HE SEEMED NICE ENOUGH.
YEAH
UNTIL NOW, I'VE ALWAYS HATED MY EYE AND MY BLOOD.
EVERY DAY, I WAS BULLIED FOR BEING A MONSTER'S DAUGHTER
I WAS SO POWERFUL I HAD TO USE A STAFF TO CONTAIN MY POWER.
AND MY MONSTER GRANDDAD HAD LEFT WITHOUT A WORD...
BUT HUMAN OR MONSTER, IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE...

NOW I KNOW I WAS BORN BECAUSE MY PARENTS WANTED ME.
SO I CAN LIVE ON, AND CARRY MYSELF WITH PRIDE
THIS IS MY WAY OF REPAYING THE PEOPLE WHO WISHED ME TO LIFE.
AND MY COMPANIONS HERE ARE WHAT MAKES ME HAPPY.
WE'LL BUILD A WORLD WHERE MONSTERS AND HUMANS CAN BE HAPPY.
SO NO ONE EVER GETS TO EXPERIENCE THE SAME SADNESS AS MY GRAND-FATHER DID
DON'T YOU AGREE?
AND I HAVE NO SHORTAGE OF STRENGTH EITHER.
...

THAT'S RIGHT YOU'RE STRONG...
PAT
ALRIGHT... TODAY, YOU GET A LITTLE TREAT I'M GONNA STROKE YOUR HAIR.
STROKE STROKE
STROKE
I GUESS THAT'S A BIT UNFAIR...
THAT'S CLOSE
UH-OH.
SMOOOCH~!
TRYING HARD.

THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S A BIT SAD TO GO AWAY FROM THE GRANDFATHER I'VE MET AT LAST. BUT I HAVE TO GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT.
AAAAAH! STUPIIIIID!
LAKSHRI IS FLYING AWAY?!
SOMEONE TELL MEOW WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!
I SAW IT HAPPEN THE MAN HAS NO DECENCY

CLIVE THIS IS THE REQUEST OF A LIFETIME.
GIVE IT TO ME.
UUUH..?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, LAKSHRI?

SHOULDN'T YOU BE USING YOUR REQUEST OF A LIFETIME ON SOMETHING A BIT MORE SIGNIFICANT?
DON'T MIND DON'T MIND.
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YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT FOR ME TO SHARE MY FOOD WITH YOU, YOU KNOW.
BECAUSE WE'RE LIKE SIBLINGS, AND THE OLDER BROTHER PROTECTS THE YOUNGER ONE
WELL YEAH SINCE I'VE USED MY REQUEST, FEEL FREE TO USE YOURS AS WELL, CLIVE
THAT SAID IT DOES LOOK DELICIOUS WHEN YOU'RE EATING IT
YOU TOOK ME A BIT BY SURPRISE, THERE
NOTHING COMES TO MIND
SOME OTHER TIME, I GUESS
ACK

BACK TO THIS TOWN, IT IS...
WHAT'S GOING ON, LAKSHRI ?
ERM
WELL MAYBE I CAN CHANCE UPON HIM.
MY BEST FRIEND CLIVE I'VE BEEN DYING TO MEET HIM FOREVER

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Best Friend □Part 1□

WHERE-ABOUTS UNKNOWN.?
YEAH THAT'S RIGHT.
12 PEOPLE HAVE GONE MISSING UNTIL TODAY. ADULT MALES, ALL OF THEM.
THE CASTLE HAS DISPATCHED THE MILITIA IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE, BUT THEY'VE RUN INTO AN OBSTACLE, SO THEY'RE STUCK

AND THE PRINCE HAS ASKED FOR A HERO TO INVESTIGATE INSTEAD.
SO? WHO ARE YOU?
HUM. THAT'S A LONG STORY
WELL, MAKE IT BRIEF, THEN
ALSO, THIS IS MY MONEY. GET YOU HAND OFF IT, PLEASE
MONEY
UNGH MY HAND IS AGAINST THE IDEA
WELL, THAT'S GONNA MAKE FOR ANOTHER LONG STORY...
I DID IT JULIE, BIG BROTHER'S BEEN ABLE TO EARN MORE MONEY!
EXA-SAMA...
OKAY, OKAY IT'S SMALL CHANGE, AFTER ALL
NOT VERY KEEN ON IT
ARE YOU IN?
I AM VALENTIN IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HERO

VALENTIN ?!
BUT YOU LOOKED MORE LIKE THAT, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT HAPPENED?
WHY ARE YOU ANSWERING THAT MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCE?
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WHAT IMPUDENCE!
READ SUPERIOR VOLUME 9 FOR THE DETAILS!
WAIT UP!
THE PRINCE IS OFFERING A JOB!
AND I'VE GOT A MASSIVE DEBT TO PAY!
I MEAN, LISTEN ALREADY!
SUPERIOR 9
アヲォー
GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE!
I'LL GIVE YOU A ROUGH EXPLANATION!
YESTERDAY'S FOE HAS BECOME TODAY'S ALLY!
THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN THE TWO OF US!
THE REASON FOR ME BEING NECK DEEP IN DEBT IS THAT ORIGINALLY, I WAS GATHERING MONEY TO HEAL MY LITTLE SISTER'S EYES,
BUT MY BODY GOT TORN TO PIECES ALONG THE WAY!
THAT MAJOR SADIST OF A DOC PUT ME BACK TOGETHER, AND BECAUSE OF THIS I'VE CONTRACTED A MASSIVE DEBT TOWARDS HIM,
DAMN IT!!
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPAY IT, EVEN IF I LIVED FOR CENTURIES!!
I'M WILLING TO INVESTIGATE THE MISSING PEOPLE, BUT WOULDN'T IT BE SIMPLER TO ASSUME THEY'VE BEEN ASSAULTED BY SOME MONSTER?
OF COURSE!!
CAN YOU MAKE IT A BIT QUICKER?
AND WHY ARE YOU SHOUTING?

GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT'S VERY LIKELY...
"GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT..." AM I TO UNDERSTAND THIS ISN'T GOING TO SETTLE THE MATTER ?
YEAH. WE HAVEN'T FOUND THE FLIMSIEST OF TRACES OF THOSE 12 PEOPLE. NO CORPSE, NOTHING. I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE A MONSTER'S JUST ATTACKED THEM TO SATISFY ITS APPETITE
ALSO, IF A MONSTER'S GONNA ATTACK PEOPLE, WHY HAS IT BEEN IGNORING THE WEAK, LIKE WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND THE ELDERLY ALTOGETHER..?
INDEED...
THERE MUST BE SOME KIND OF PLAN GOING ON I GUESS THAT'S WHAT NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED
THAT'S MY HERO YOU ASSIMILATE THINGS QUICKLY MAKES THINGS EASIER

DUH? WHY DO I FEEL SUCH A DROP IN TEMPERATURE FROM YOU GUYS?
WHAT ABOUT MY MAIN JOB AS A MAOU EXTERM-INATOR?
THE PRINCE THINKS EXA-SAMA IS A DRUDGE OF HIS, DOESN'T HE?
SO THIS IS THE KIND OF GUY MY BROTHER WORKS AS AN ATTENDANT FOR.
I SEE...
HERE WE ARE MORE RECKLESS-NESS FOR THE PRINCE
AAAAAAH~
DON'T WORRY-NYA. THEY'RE ALWAYS LIKE THAT
YEAH OF COURSE
WE'LL LOOK FOR THE CULPRIT I'LL BE THE BAIT
WE CAN'T EXACTLY WALK AWAY FROM THE JOB, THOUGH
WHAT WITH THE PEOPLE DISAPP-EARING
HEY, THAT'S HARSH!!
THE PRINCE HAS HEAD VAN LIKE A BUCK.
LAKSHMI, YOU HAVE BETRAYED ME...
TELL ME ABOUT IT!
WELL, YOU DID HAVE A WAY OF FORCING YOURSELF UPON US, MEOW.
YOU'RE HELPING ME A LOT, THERE
COUNT ON MEOW!
UNDER-STOOD!
I'M NOT REALLY GETTING IT...
GUESS THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT?
DOZING OFF

THE TOWN HASN'T CHANGED
JUST LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS
IT SICKENS ME.
RETURNING HERE MAKES ME FEEL ALL KINDS OF MISERABLE.

BACK THEN, I WAS BUT A WORTHLESS ORPHAN.
ACTU LLY, I DID HAVE A HOME TO RETURN TO...
...BUT I WOULD HAVE SOONER DIED THAN RETURNED THERE.
GRRR
SO I'D STEAL WHENEVER I WAS IN NEED OF FOOD.
I FELT GUILTY ABOUT IT

I PERSUADED MYSELF THAT THOSE WHO HAD SOMETHING WERE THE ONES TO BLAME. THAT IT WAS THEIR FAULT IF THEY'D HAD IT STOLEN FROM THEM.
I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO LIVE THAT WAY.
I WAS ALWAYS ON MY OWN
THE WHOLE WORLD WAS MY ENEMY.
AMONG THEM..

CLIVE WAS THE ONLY ALLY I EVER HAD.
THE ONLY ONE I COULD ACCEPT AS AN OLDER BROTHER OF - SORTS.
I'M WONDERING WHERE HE IS RIGHT NOW!
HEY... WOOPS..!

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?!!

LAKSHRI, WHAT'S WRONG?!!
LINGH!
DON'T MOVE ..!!
LIN... ...GH!
THIS IS OUR FIRST REUNION AFTER A LONG WHILE, SO DON'T INTERFERE
NO OPENINGS WHAT SHOULD I DO ?
NO WAY... I CAN'T IMAGINE IT'S HIM, BUT...
THAT VOICE...

THAT YOU CLIVE?
CLIVE..?! AS IN, LAKSHRI'S BEST FRIEND?!
WHY ?!
HEART-LESS THOUGH YOU MAY BE, YOU REMEMBER ME, I SEE.
HAS LIFE TREATED YOU WELL? MY LITTLE BRO-THER...
HEART-LESS ..?! ME ..?!
AGH..!
WHY ARE YOU RETURNING AFTER ALL THIS TIME...
AFTER THE WAY YOU FLED...
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD. OH, I GUESS THAT'S BECAUSE OF ME.
..?!

GUESS JUMPING HIM ALL AT ONCE AIN'T GONNA DO A LOT OF GOOD
IT'S A GOOD THING HE'S SURROUNDED. BUT THE SITUATION STILL STINKS
PAH. A STEALTHY ATTACK FROM LAKSHRI'S BACK IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.
WE SHOULD WAIT FOR HIM TO GET TIRED, I TAKE IT. BUT IF WE DO, LAKSHRI WON'T MAKE IT.
..?!
STEP ASIDE !!
AN OPENING ..?!

IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS I WANT REVENGE FROM YOU...
WHY... ARE YOU DOING THIS...?
WHY...?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT YOU DID TO ME.

IF YOU WANNA STOP ME, YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME FIRST.
CRA..!
THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE TODAY IN ORDER TO KILL YOU.
LET'S POSTPONE THE MUTUAL KILLING TO A LATER DATE!
YOU'RE WRONG. I WAS TRYING TO SET THINGS RIGHT...
AND...

IF YOU HATED ME FOR IT, WHY DID YOU ACT AS IF YOU'D FORGIVEN ME..?!
LAKSHRI— ARE YOU ALRIGHT..?!
THAT'S RIGHT I COMMITTED A SIN AGAINST YOU THAT EVEN A LIFETIME COULDN'T REPAY
YOU AGAIN!!

LET'S SPLIT UP!!
RI... RIGHT!
AH! YOU'RE THAT KID FROM EARLIER ..!
CRAP!
LAKSHRI ..?!
PLEASE CATCH HIM FOR ME!!
AH!
CLIVE..!! HELP ME..!!
WE'RE GONNA MAKE SURE YOU CAN'T DO ANY WRONG EVER AGAIN!!

DON'T CRY, LAKSHRI... YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO ESCAPE, SO EVERYTHING'S FINE...
BECAUSE OF THAT WOUND, CLIVE BECAME UNABLE TO USE HIS HAND.
SPLAT
SNIFF

DESPITE THIS, HE NEVER CONFRONTED ME ABOUT IT.
DON'T WORRY. EVEN WITH ONE HAND, I'LL BE THERE TO PROTECT YOU.
BUT AS IT TURNS OUT, I REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED HIM TO COME TO MY HELP.
EXTRA EDITION!!
A FIGHT TO DETERMINE WHO'S GONNA BE A HERO...
AND THERE'S A REWARD, TOO.
CLIVE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN INJURED FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

CLIVE WOULD ALWAYS PRAISE ME ABOUT IT.
I DON'T KNOW NOW STRONG I'LL NEED TO GET
I WOULD ALWAYS RELY ON HIM.
AND I
BUT I KNOW I CAN TRUST MY OWN SPEED.
I NEVER DID ANYTHING TO MOVE FORWARD, AWAY FROM IT, AND I'D ENVY THOSE WHO MADE IT TO THE TOP.
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT. I ALWAYS BERATED MYSELF ABOUT MY OWN WEAKNESS.
AND, THIS IS THE RESULT.
I'M MUST BELIEVE IN MYSELF!!

BECAUSE I HAVE NOTHING BUT MYSELF TO PUT ON THE TABLE.
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THEN I MADE MY WAY THROUGH THE HERO TOURNAMENT, UP TO THE FINALS
AND I FELT RELATIVELY COMFORTABLE
…
…AS I LOST TO EX…

IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE PERSON I'D BEEN UP UNTIL THEN
I DECIDED TO JOIN THE HERO ON HIS TRAVELS, AS HIS RIGHT HAND MAN
SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE DEPENDING ON CLIVE EVER AGAIN
I'VE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN A HEFTY SUM OF MONEY THAT WAY.
I WANTED CLIVE TO HAVE IT.
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO SEE HIM.
BUT AS IT TURNS OUT, HE NEVER FORGAVE ME FOR THE LOSS OF HIS HAND.

I JUST WANTED TO SET THINGS RIGHT..!!
MONEY..? YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY THINK YOU CAN SET THINGS STRAIGHT WITH THAT KIND OF TRASH!!
I ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE YOU.
AND I'VE SPENT ALL THAT TIME HATING YOU!! YOU FRIGGING FLED FROM ME...
..?!!
I WASN'T FLEE..!
THAT'S WHY TODAY, I AM HERE TO KILL YOU.

AND CLIVE HATES ME ENOUGH TO WANT TO KILL ME.
SO WHY DID HE PRETEND HE'D FORGIVEN ME?
BUT IT LOOKED LIKE HIS HAND HAD BEEN ABLE TO HEAL
NO...
I AM TO BLAME FOR THIS, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
IT DOESN'T MATTER.

YEAH I'M GONNA HAVE TO BE ISOLATED. NO WAY AROUND IT. IF IT COMES TO A FIGHT, I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU TO BACK ME UP.
EXA-SAMA.
WELL, I'LL ACT AS A DECOY AND WALK ABOUT TOWN. EVERYONE ON MY TRAIL. ANYTHING HAPPENS, INITIATE THE MUTUAL FEEDBACK.
...
I HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR THIS.
NAH, I'M OKAY
YOU'RE SLEEPING OR WHAT? YOU'RE ALL OVER WHAT HAPPENED TODAY, RIGHT?
LAKSHRI!

GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE AT THE PEAK OF YOUR FORM EITH...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO WITHOUT ME ANYWAY?
WU... MAN, THAT'S WRONG IN SO MANY WAYS
I JUST REMEMBERED SHEYLA-CHAN'S UNDERWEAR, AND THAT KINDA DISTRACTED ME
I'M OKAY I'M OKAY
DON'T THINK SO...
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYTHING IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN... WHAT IF THESE PEOPLE JUST RAN AWAY FROM HOME...?
YE YEAH...
EVEN AT THE BEST OF TIMES, EXA HAS A LOT TO WORRY ABOUT NO NEED TO ADD ANY MORE TO HIS CONCERNS
REGARDING CLIVE, THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT IT WAS JUST SOME KIND OF BAD JOKE

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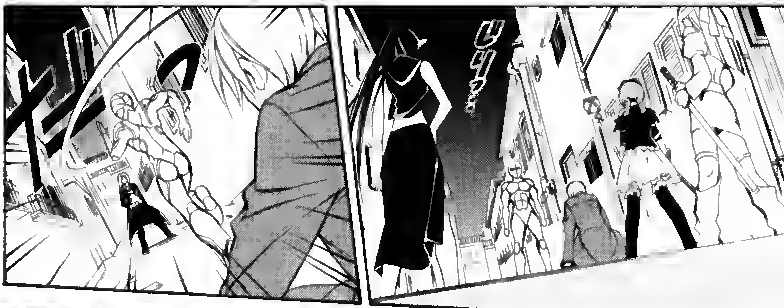
...HH. MONSTER?!
GLANCE

EXA-SAMA!!
IS THIS MONSTER
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
DISAPPEARANCES?!



LAKSHRI!!
ON IT!

WAAAH!
..!!

LAKSHRI... ARE YOU OKAY?!
...

I ENDED UP SPACING OUT, AFTER ALL.
YEAH. SORRY.
DON'T WORRY, IT CAN'T HAVE GONE TOO FAR
LET'S SPLIT UP AND LOOK FOR IT

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オン
SURE HELPS TO HAVE YOU COME OUT AND ATTACK
THAT SAVES ME THE TROUBLE OF LOOKING FOR YOU!
THE HERO...
SO THE MAOU MUST BE IN TOWN AS WELL...
IT WOULD BE WISE TO RETREAT FROM THIS CITY BEFORE SHE CAN FIND ME...

HAA...
HAA...
HAA...
THERE'S NO MORE TIME.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO BEFORE THE END.
LAKSHRI. I HAVE TO..

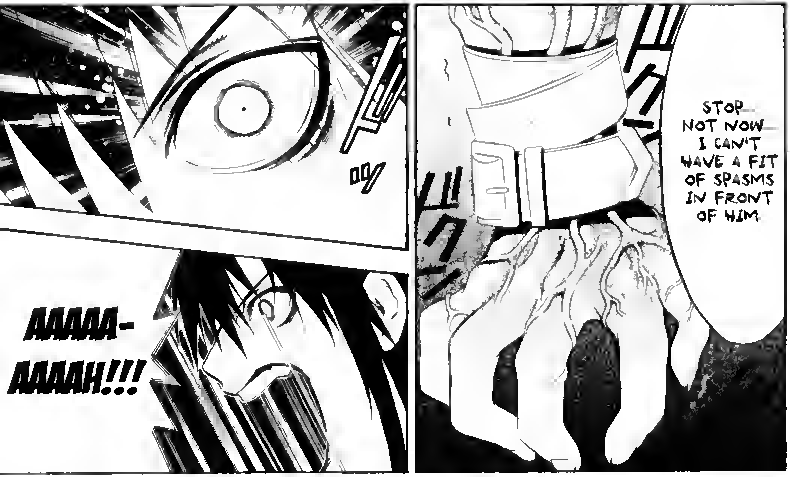
ギィ…
UH
SPASMS…? NO I'M JUST DONE TAKING THE MEDICINE
?!
CLIVE…?
?!
HOW NOSTALGIC… YOU ALWAYS CAME HERE WHENEVER YOU WERE FEELING DOWN.
LAKSHRI

CRA... SO THEY WERE SPASMS AFTER ALL. AM I TO UNDERSTAND I DIDN'T TAKE ENOUGH MEDICINE...?!
CLIVE... WHAT'S WRONG..?
GET LOST! OR I'LL KILL YOU!!

...
ビクッ
ガバッ
CLIVE!!

I SAID I'D KILL YOU! DON'T JUST CLOSE IN LIKE THE OLD FRIEND YOU CLEARLY AREN'T!!
THIS IS NEITHER THE TIME NOR THE PLACE FOR THIS!! WHAT'S GOING ON?! TELL ME!!

SHOULD I TAKE YOU TO THE HOSPITAL?!
PLEASE... JUST... GO AWAY...
YOU'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT THAT?!


STOP... NOT NOW... I CAN'T HAVE A FIT OF SPASMS IN FRONT OF HIM
AAAAA-AAAAH!!!

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HAA
HAA
I GUESS IT'S GONNA BE A TOUGH PIECE OF WORK TO CAPTURE HIM ON MY OWN...
WOULD BE CAKE IF I HAD SOMEONE TO ACT IN TANDEM WITH, THOUGH
I'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING...
BUMMER...
A PAIN IN THE BUM-MEOW

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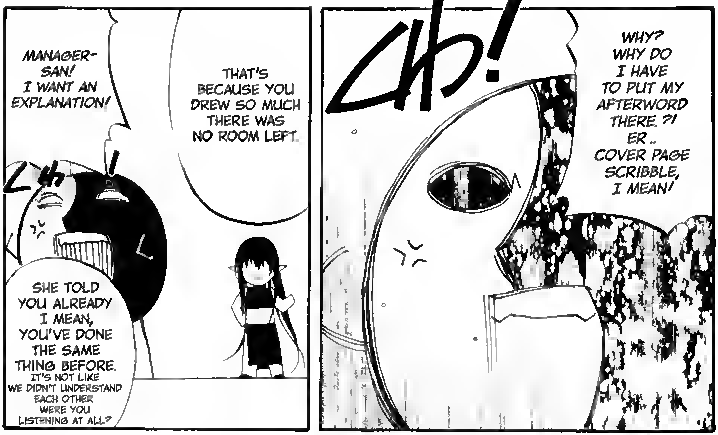
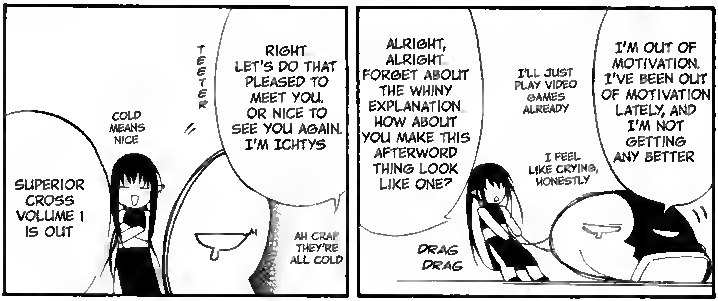
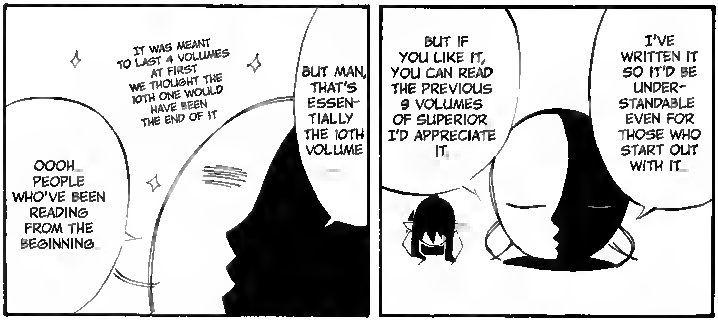

MANAGER-SAN! I WANT AN EXPLANATION!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DREW SO MUCH THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT.
SHE TOLD YOU ALREADY I MEAN, YOU'VE DONE THE SAME THING BEFORE.
IT'S NOT LIKE WE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER WERE YOU LISTENING AT ALL?
THAT HAPPENS EVERY SINGLE TIME! HOPELESS.
Ch!
WHY? WHY DO I HAVE TO PUT MY AFTERWORD THERE. ?! ER.. COVER PAGE SCRIBBLE, I MEAN!

SFX: GASP!

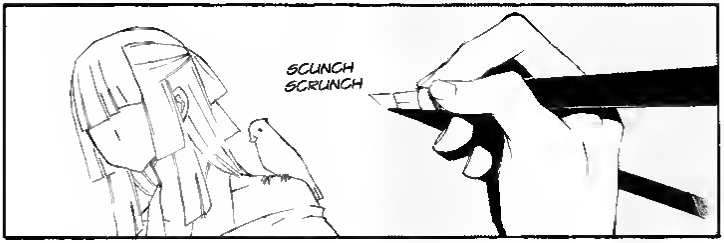

SUPERIOR CROSS VOLUME 1 IS OUT
COLD MEANS NICE
TETER
RIGHT LET'S DO THAT PLEASED TO MEET YOU. OR NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN. I'M ICHTYS
AH CRAP THEY'RE ALL COLD
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT FORGET ABOUT THE WHINY EXPLANATION HOW ABOUT YOU MAKE THIS AFTERWORD THING LOOK LIKE ONE?
I'LL JUST PLAY VIDEO GAMES ALREADY
I FEEL LIKE CRYING, HONESTLY
I'M OUT OF MOTIVATION. I'VE BEEN OUT OF MOTIVATION LATELY, AND I'M NOT GETTING ANY BETTER
DRAG DRAG

THE TITLE IS A BIT LONG, SO WE'RE GONNA CALL IT SC.


OOOH... PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN READING FROM THE BEGINNING
IT WAS MEANT TO LAST 4 VOLUMES AT FIRST WE THOUGHT THE 10TH ONE WOULD HAVE BEEN THE END OF IT
BUT MAN, THAT'S ESSENTIALLY THE 10TH VOLUME
BUT IF YOU LIKE IT, YOU CAN READ THE PREVIOUS 9 VOLUMES OF SUPERIOR I'D APPRECIATE IT.
I'VE WRITTEN IT SO IT'D BE UNDERSTANDABLE EVEN FOR THOSE WHO START OUT WITH IT...

THANK YOU! AUTHOR'S SCRIBBLING INSIDE THE COVER PAGE. THE END!

ASHI-SAN'S WORD OF WISDOM GIBBERING NONSENSE FOR THIS VOLUME



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